

Dear Principals, Teachers, and Parents of Indiana 4th grade students,

On December 11, 1816, Indiana was admitted as the 19th state to join the Union. On Friday December 10th, the Statehouse Tour Office will be hosting **“Indiana Statehood Day,”** to celebrate Indiana’s 194th birthday.

The Birthday Party will begin as early as 9:00 AM, EST, and include interactive activities all through the Statehouse. The activities will be presented by many state agencies and offices, and designed for 4th grade students.

Or, you may want to schedule your group for the simultaneous programs being offered at the State Museum.

At noon all will be seated for an exciting program that will feature:

- Words of welcome from government officials, including members of all three branches of state government.
- Special music by Indiana students and ceremonial activities.
- Reading of the winning essay by its author. (see additional information about entering Statehood Day essay contest)
- Installation of the **original copies** of Indiana’s 1816 and 1851 State Constitutions by the State Archivist, into a specially designed display case in the Capitol Rotunda.
- Please call the Capitol Tour Office to make a reservation for the Statehouse activities (317-233-5293) or email jhodge@idoa.in.gov.
- **OR**, enjoy fun hands-on activities that help bring Statehood Day alive at the State Museum. Please call Joanna Hahn (317-232-8293) to receive more information.

Hope to see you and your 4th graders on Statehood Day !!!